



PRODUCER
SPOTLIGHT
HERE COMES THE JUDGE



TELEVISION PRODUCER JEFF MICHAELIS answers questions about “Cinema Judge” that airs on Bloomington Community Access Television (BCAT), Channel 16, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays at 2 a.m., 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

From the movie addict to an occasional movie viewer, "Cinema Judge" provides something for everyone. My show takes an in-depth look at movies, gives you behind-the-scenes interviews with the stars and filmmakers, and gives people an opportunity to decide if they want to see the movie. You get to observe the film through the eyes of the filmmakers.

I’ve always loved movies and BCAT provides a wonderful environment for me to express this passion.

I appreciate the continued support and input from fans of the show. I like receiving e-mails and people stopping me when I’m out, telling me that they watch the show and that they like it.

The best thing about community cable access television is that it gives people the opportunity to say what they want, to share their abilities and just to have fun. It’s a platform for everybody.

If you are a Bloomington resident who’s thinking about creating your own program, just go and do it. If it’s a topic you enjoy, that’s even better. Watching it grow right in front of you with music and effects, that’s everything. The reward is incredible.

For more information, visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: BCAT or call Amanda Taylor at 952-563-4980. For more information about “Cinema Judge,” visit www.cinemajudge.com.

REVITALIZING NEIGHBORHOODS
PROJECT BUILDS AFFORDABLE HOUSING

PROJECT FOR PRIDE IN LIVING, INC. (PPL) AND THE BLOOMINGTON Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) are working together to revitalize Bloomington's neighborhoods and build affordable single-family homes.

Seven houses are being constructed near Nicollet Avenue and 102nd Street, an area where underutilized property provided an opportunity for redevelopment. The HRA acquired and subdivided the property making the land available to PPL, a nonprofit developer, to design, construct and market the homes.

PPL Project Manager Rick Blackmon said that people have called to thank PPL and the City of Bloomington for the improvement the project is bringing to their neighborhood.

"Others want to know if we are planning future projects," Blackmon said. "It shows the demand for quality, affordable homes is very high."

The homes sold quickly. Blackmon said PPL received 53 purchase offers in 30 days.

The project, scheduled for completion this spring, is funded by the HRA, Hennepin County, the Metropolitan Council and the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. The public funds were used to assemble the site, making the homes more affordable. For more information, call Bryan Hartman, 952-563-8943.



"The renewal project complements an already vibrant neighborhood," said HRA Project Manager Bryan Hartman. "PPL shares our vision of providing quality affordable housing in Bloomington."

BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY

BLOOMINGTON GOLF CLUB – APRIL 1925

POST-WORLD WAR I ENTHUSIASM FOR GOLF SAW MANY COURSES BEING BUILT IN THE Twin Cities when the Bloomington Golf Club was developed in the early 1920s. The course was constructed on 160 acres of farmland leased by a group of Minneapolis Auto Club members. The clubhouse was fashioned from a barn that once housed hay and cattle on the former John Brown farm. In April 1925, a course-warming party allowed members to preview the club. The 18-hole course opened for play as the Bloomington Golf Club one month later. It became the Minnesota Valley Country Club in 1938. It's one of the few original golf courses in the Twin Cities laid out by the horse and scraper method, with the greens still preserved nearly as they were first designed.



Minnesota Valley Country Club and Minnesota Historical Society



OUTDOOR BARBEQUES
KEEP 'EM SAFE THIS SUMMER

MANY PEOPLE CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF warm weather with an outdoor barbeque. If you reside in a condominium or apartment building, grilling on your balcony or deck is restricted. No charcoal grilling is allowed and LP gas grilling is very limited. For more information, call 952-563-8933. For City and state code regulations, visit the City’s Web site at ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Grills.

Safety tips

Follow these grilling tips from Fire Prevention. Keep you and your family safe this barbeque season.

- Read safety, operation and handling instructions before using the grill.
- Position your grill a safe distance from buildings, houses, garages, and shrubs or bushes.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep charcoal dry and store separately from lighter fluid.
- Use all grills outdoors. Never grill inside of homes, vehicles, tents or campers.
- Trade in older propane gas tanks for new, safer ones. A new safety standard for propane gas tanks requires that an "over-fill prevention device" be installed.



USE WATER WISELY
INSTALL A LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SENSOR

THIS SPRING IS AN IDEAL TIME TO install a rainfall sensor on your landscape irrigation system to ensure that it complies with state law. Sensors have proven to reduce water and labor costs and may pay for themselves in only one season.

In July 2003, the State of Minnesota enacted a law requiring that automatically operated landscape irrigation systems include rainfall sensors. During periods of sufficient moisture the sensor technology must interrupt the system's operation and must be adjustable by either the resident or the professional landscape service. Irrigation sensors should be installed in unobstructed locations, usually on a building eave or a fence post, and be located close to the controller. For more information, call 952-563-8930.